

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

The conductive material with the higher acoustic impedance comprises for example platinum (Pt), ~~wolfram-tungsten~~ (W), molybdenum (Mo), ~~titan-wolfram-titan-tungsten~~ (Ti_xW_{1-x} , $0 < x < 1$) or gold (Au).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 illustrates a table with the coupling factor k_r versus the thickness T3 of the top electrode 15 and versus the thickness T4 of the bottom electrode 13 of the filter's non-mass-loaded SBARs 8 as shown in FIG. 2. The electrode metal is molybdenum (Mo) which has about twice the acoustic impedance of aluminium nitride, and very high quality aluminium nitride layers can be grown on it. Tantalum pentoxide (~~Ta2O5~~) (Ta₂O₅) and silicon dioxide (~~SiO2~~) (SiO₂) are employed as the high and the low impedance layers of the Bragg reflector. According to the table the optimum thicknesses of Molybdenum are seen to be in the region of T3=200 nm for the top electrode 15 and of T4=300 nm for the bottom electrode 13. For this combination the corresponding thickness of the aluminium nitride is 1410 nm, and the corresponding maximum value of k_r is 0.226.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

The enhancement of the coupling factor k_r using the described optimum unequal thicknesses T3 and T4 should be even higher when ~~wolfram-tungsten~~ (W) is used instead of molybdenum as ~~wolfram-tungsten~~ has a mechanical impedance some 70% higher than that of molybdenum.